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Roger,

You don't get it, do you?

Whether you believe Lifton's book convincing or not isn't the issue. The issue is whether you've made attacks on Lifton HIMSELF.

That you think your claims are valid is irrelevant. Frankly, I think they're bullpucky, but even that is irrelevant. It doesn't matter how well you think they'd play in court. What matters is whether they have the potential to land us in court.

The issue is, did your essay contravene the rules of this forum, as set forth in the Announcements/Notices?

The answer is, yep! Sure did!

You didn't just upload "a summary of Mr. Lifton's work." You uploaded claims about LIFTON. You uploaded claims that he deliberately lied, that he deliberately manipulated and fabricated.

That goes beyond a critique of the book--as you should recognize, being a lawyer. Do you not understand the difference between argument ad hominem and ad argumentum? Well, CompuServe's rules DO recognize that difference whether you do you or not.

Does the book deal with Lifton's life to some extent? Sure. Does that mean that Lifton's life OUTSIDE the book is fair game? Only in the magic land of non sequiturs.

I emphasize this because not only the libel rules are in play now; as a member of this forum, Lifton enjoys protection from personal attack by other members (as do you). And I'm sure Georgia's going to follow my recommendation on further mergers into the Libraries here.

In short, the "Who Is David Lifton?/Who is Roger Feinman?" war is over, so far as the libraries here are concerned. You've each had a shot, and now the shooting ends. I hope that's clear enough.

--Alex

P.S. David Lifton hasn't demanded an explanation of my position on his essay. What made you think I planned to write one?